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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PERU OF CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MINISTER JAMIESON, JAN. 18-21

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1. SUMMARY: IN AN UNEXCEPTIONAL 4 DAY VISIT TO LIMA
DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO ECONOMIC MATTERS CANADIAN EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS MINISTER DONALD JAMIESON AND HIS PARTY MET WITH PERUVIAN
PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ AND PRINCIPAL PERUVIAN MINISTERS,
SIGNED 6 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH GOP TOTALING
APPROXIMATELY \$6 MILLION, AND VISITED THE ANDEAN PACT
JUNTA. IN PRESS CONFERENCE NEAR END OF VISIT JAMIESON
INDICATED THAT CANADA COULD BE DISPOSED TO JOIN ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICAN STATES AFTER THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IS
RESTRUCTURED, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S. WOULD DEFINE ITS
POSITION AT CIEC WITH RESPECT TO STABILIZATION OF COMMODITY
PRICES, VOICED OPTIMISM THAT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
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HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION, AND STATED
(ACCORDING TO THE PRESS) THAT THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PERU'S
AND CANADA'S POSITIONS REGARDING THE 200 MILES TERRITORIAL
WATERS POLICY. THE VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE
PRESS PLAY, BUT OUR CONTACTS AT BOTH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND
CANADIAN EMBASSY INFORM US THAT, BEYOND THE NEW AID AGREEMENTS,
VISIT WAS ROUTINE GOODWILL TRIP. END SUMMARY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FROM THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH VISITS TO BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA THE CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DONALD JAMIESON, MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO LIMA FROM JAN. 18 TO 21. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE; MR. MARCEL PRUD'HOMME, PRESIDENT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS; OFFICIALS OF THE CANADIAN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE; THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY; THE CORPORATION FOR EXPORT DEVELOPMENT; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR LATIN AMERICA. DURING HIS VISIT, WHICH WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC MATTERS, JAMIESON CALLED ON PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ AND HAD WORKING SESSIONS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF PERUVIAN OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, CONFIRMED BY OUR CONTACTS IN BOTH THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, THE VISIT WENT SMOOTHLY, MARKED BY A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.

3. THE MAJOR ELEMENT OF THE VISIT, BOTH FROM THE PERUVIAN PERSPECTIVE AND IN TERMS OF CONCRETE RESULTS, WAS THE SIGNING OF SIX NEW TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$10 MILLION. THE NEW AGREEMENTS COVER A. HIGHLAND (ALTIPLANO) AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF GRAINS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE (\$3 MILLION GRANT); B. ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD COMPANY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COST-BASED RATE SYSTEM (\$365,000 GRANT WHICH INCLUDES COST OF 6 CANADIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPERTS); C. ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATISTICAL SYSTEM FOR PLANNING IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY (\$150,000 GRANT TO COVER COSTS OF 3 CANADIAN EXPERTS); D. TECHNICAL ADVICE FOR PLANNING FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS IN THE PERUVIAN STEEL INDUSTRY (\$100,000 GRANT FOR CANADIAN ADVISORS); E. IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATION OF PERUVIAN PERSONNEL RELATED TO FORESTRY AND LUMBER INDUSTRIES (\$800,000 GRANT FOR UP TO 50 SCHOLARSHIPS); AND F. ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY TO IMPROVE PRESENT SERVICE AND CARRY OUT FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR TYING RURAL AND JUNGLE AREAS INTO THE NATIONAL MICRO-WAVE TELEPHONE NETWORK (APPROXIMATELY \$1.6 MILLION GRANT.)

4. APART FROM DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO THESE 6 AGREEMENTS, JAMIESON CONFERRED WITH PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOSE DE LA PUENTE OVER THE GENERAL HEMISPHERIC SITUATION; CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH THE OAS; THE OUTLOOK FOR CIEC (BOTH MINISTERS AGREED THAT THEIR COUNTRIES SHARED A COMMON INTEREST IN THE STABILIZATION OF JUST AND EQUITABLE PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS,

FOR BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE); THE LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE (BOTH COUNTRIES NOTED THAT THEY SHARED A COMMON
POSITION ON THE 200 MILE THESIS AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN
THAT NO GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE);
THE UN (BOTH MINISTERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANIZATION
AND ITS CHARTER); CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES;
CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS (THEY AGREED THAT INCREASED AIR LINKS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT BE RECEIVED FAVORABLY IN
BOTH COUNTRIES); FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS WHICH ARE
ALREADY UNDER WAY; PERU'S FOREIGN TRADE DEFICIT WITH CANADA
(AGREED THAT ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT
THROUGH EXPANSION OF PERUVIAN EXPORTS TO CANADA; DE LA PUENTE
INDICATED THAT GOP WILL SEND TRADE MISSION TO CANADA LATER THIS
YEAR); SOCIAL PROPERTY (CANADA AGREED TO CONSIDER GOP
APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE TO 6 SOCIAL PROPERTY PROJECTS);
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (AGREED TO STUDY JOINTLY
NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION); AND MINING (CANADA AGREED TO GIVE
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FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTS FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE
IN SMALL AND MEDIUM MINING SECTOR TO THE EXTENT PERU UTILIZES
IN TIMELY FASHION CANADIAN RESOURCES ALREADY MADE AVAILABLE
IN THIS AREA).

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5. IN PRESS CONFERENCE JAN. 20, JAMIESON IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT CANADA WILL JOIN THE OAS, BUT NOT UNTIL THE RE-STRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND THE REFORM OF THE OAS CHARTER TAKE PLACE. PRESS REPORTS OF JAMIESON'S REMARKS ALSO INDICATE THAT HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS YEAR THE U.S. WOULD "DEFINE" ITS POSITION AT THE PARIS CIEC MEETINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE STABILIZATION OF PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS. HE SPECULATED THAT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S. IN 1976 PREVENTED THE USG FROM "DEFINING" ITS POSITION DURING THE PAST YEAR. JAMIESON ALSO SAID THAT THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON WOULD IN NO WAY AFFECT THE GOOD RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CANADA. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, JAMIESON SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF PERU AND CANADA "WITH REGARD TO THE 200 MILES OF TERRITORIAL SEA AND THE DEFENSE AND CONTROL OF BIOLOGICAL WEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE SEA FLOOR IN THIS TERRITORY."

6. ON THE PERUVIAN SIDE, PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ TOOK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE OPPORTUNITY OF JAMIESON'S VISIT TO ANNOUNCE ONCE AGAIN THAT PERU WAS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN THE COUNTRY MORE ATTRACTIVE TO FOREIGN INVESTORS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT ALTHOUGH 1977 WOULD BE A DIFFICULT YEAR FOR THE PERUVIAN ECONOMY, IT WOULD BE BETTER THAN THE PRECEDING YEAR.

7. COMMENT: OUR CONTACTS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE CANADIAN EMBASSY STATE THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE VISIT DID NOT GO BEYOND WHAT WAS REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS. BOTH GOVERNMENTS APPEAR TO BE SATISFIED BY THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT. JUDGING FROM WARM AND HIGHLY FAVORABLE PRESS TREATMENT ACCORDED JAMIESON'S VISIT, THE CANADIANS APPARENTLY ACHIEVED THEIR OBJECTIVE OF REINFORCING THE GOC'S TIES TO PERU AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH JAMIESON'S VISITS TO BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA, DEMONSTRATING THE GOC'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA. THE PERUVIANS OBTAINED ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC AID AS WELL AS LIMITED SUPPORT FOR SOME OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY GOALS. MOREOVER, BY DEMONSTRATING BOTH HOME AND ABROAD THAT IT IS ON GOOD TERMS WITH A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE U.S., THE GOP WAS ABLE TO SHOW THAT IT IS CONTINUING THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF INDEPENDENCE WHILE RETAINING ITS TIES TO THE WESTERN ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

8. WE QUESTIONED A CANADIAN EMBOFF ABOUT JAMIESON'S

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN PERU'S AND CANADA'S POSITIONS ON A 200-MILE
TERRITORIAL SEA. WHAT JAMIESON ACTUALLY SAID IS THAT "THERE
IS VIRTUALLY NO DIFFERENCE IN OUR POSITIONS PARTICULARLY
AS REGARDS THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE". THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE
SPEAKS OF THE "RIGHTS" OF THE COASTAL STATES; NEITHER JAMIESON
NOR THE COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED SOVEREIGNTY. CONCERNING POSSIBLE
CANADIAN OAS MEMBERSHIP, JAMIESON WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE
CAUTIOUS THAN REPORTED IN THE PRESS. HE ACTUALLY SAID "I
DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT IS A PROPITIOUS TIME FOR
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CANADA TO ACCEPT OR ASSUME FULL MEMBERSHIP". THE PERUVIAN
PRESS MIS-REPORTED AND PLACED UNDUE EMPHASIS ON JAMIESON'S
REMARKS CONCERNING AND ECONOMIC ZONE AND POSSIBLE OAS MEMBERSHIP.

9. CANADIAN EMBOFF ALSO NOTED THAT OF MORE THAN CANADIAN \$300
MILLION AVAILABLE FOR LOANS, THE GOP HAS MANAGED TO DRAW DOWN ONLY
\$100 MILLION. THE PLANNED PERUVIAN TRADE MISSION, TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED FOR JU/ IS A CANADIAN INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO
HELP THE GOP MAKE USE OF THE LOAN MONEY THAT HAS BEEN AVAIL-
ABLE FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS. DEAN

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